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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRESSURES ON QADHAFI MOUNTING

1. AFTER QADHAFI'S RETURN WEEK AGO FROM VISITS TO SUDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA HE RETIRED QUIETLY TO SIRT. HIS WITHDRAWAL FROM VIEW INCLUDED ABSENCE OF NORMAL TV COVERAGE OF HIS VISITS, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION AT ALL OF HIS MEETING WITH KING FAISAL. INSTEAD, IGHIGHLIGHT OF NEWS COVERAGE HAS BEEN PRIMIN JALLUD'S PARTICIPATION IN ALGIERS SUMMIT MEETING. ORDINARILY MEDIA WOULD HAVE COVERED QADHAFI'S ACTIVITIES VIRTUALLY TO EXCLUSION OF JALLUD.

2. IT IS LIKELY THAT QADHAFI'S FRUSTRATIONS AGAIN MOUNTED TO POINT WHERE HE FEELS PERIOD OF CONTEMPLATION IN THE DESERT IS NECESSARY. FOR ONE THING WE SUSPECT HE IS TROUBLED BY QUESTION OF LIBYAN AND ARAB RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA ON ONE HAND AND SUPPORT FOR ERITREAN INSURGENTS ON OTHER IN LIGHT OF HIS TALKS WITH NIMEIRI. WELL INFORMED EGYPTIAN CHARGE,

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BRIGADIER AL-SADANI WHO HAS BEEN WORKING HERE WITH LIBYAN

MILITARY SINCE QADHAFI'S COUP IN 1969, TOLD ME TODAY HE BELIEVES NIMEIRI WARNED QADHAFI THAT STRONG ARAB SUPPORT FOR ERITREANS WOULD ALIENATE BLACK AFRICAN STATES, AND THAT THIS HAD IMPACT ON QADHAFI (ADDIS ABABA 2893).

3. IRAQI-IRANIAN AGREEMENT MUST HAVE BEEN HEAVY BLOW FOR QADHAFI. IT ALSO SEEMS LIKELY THAT AGREEMENT HAS FURTHER STRAINED QADHAFI'S RELATIONS WITH BOUMEDIENNE UNDER WHOSE AUSPICES AGREEMENT WAS REACHED.

4. ADDED TO THESE CONCERNS IS DEVELOPING CONFRONTATION QADHAFI HAS BEFORE HIM WITH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, LARGE NUMBER OF WHOM ARE RESISTING HIS PROGRAM FOR MILITARY TRAINING. IN SPITE OF HIS BELIEF THAT THEY SHOULD UNDERTAKE THIS TRAINING WILLINGLY, IT APPEARS REGIME WILL HAVE TO DECREE UNPOPULAR COMPULSORY SERVICE.

5. TOGETHER WITH THESE CONCERNS QADHAFI IS NO NEARER HIS MUCH DESIRED AIM OF WORKING OUT DIFFERENCES WITH SADAT AND PERMITTING HIM A ROLE IN FORMULATING ARAB STRATEGY. ACCORDING TO AL-SADANI, WITHIN LIBYAN MILITARY OFFICER CORPS THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISSATISFACTION WITH TREND OF EVENTS WHICH HE REGARDS AS POTENTIALLY SERIOUS FOR REGIME. QADHAFI HAS FULL AGENDA OF PROBLEMS TO MULL OVER IN HIS DESERT RETREAT. STEIN

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